

RE: RM-11708 – Eliminate spectra regulation by symbol rate

To the FCC:

I am an amateur radio licensee, call sign WQ2H, and I would like to convey my support for the above referenced petition by the ARRL, specifically RM-11708 accepted and filed with the FCC Office of the Secretary on November 15, 2013.

I believe the ARRL's encapsulation and summary below is simply common sense and I agree whole heartedly;

“HF data emissions are now limited to symbol rates that are based on the long-obsolete technology of the early telephone modems. Regulation by symbol rate is not appropriate for present and future generations of digital data modes because it prohibits the use of some new, efficient modes but does not prevent the introduction of digital data modes that have much wider bandwidths than are now in use.

The proposal is to regulate the bandwidth of a single type of emission (data) in order to narrowly and surgically eliminate an outdated limitation in the FCC rules which precludes radio amateurs from experimenting and contributing to the radio art as fully as they should. RM-11708 specifically does not propose to group emissions of similar bandwidth together”

Please consider the elimination of symbol-based metrics on the applicability of data modes within the amateur HF spectrum.

Respectfully submitted,

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